

In the Matter of

Embassy of India and Davendra Singh

MUR 4583


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On November 12, 1996, the Commission found reason to believe Davendra Singh and the Embassy of India knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441e and 441f. Most recently, on January 13, 1997, this Office circulated to the Commission the Embassy's response to the reason to believe findings and this Office's proposed response. This Office mailed this response on January 16, 1997. On January 17, 1997, this Office received a letter dated January 10, 1997, from the United States Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser, informing us that the Embassy of India had provided the State Department with a copy of the Commission's reason to believe notification and asking that we coordinate with them on this matter. Attachment 1.

On January 24, 1997, this Office spoke with an attorney from the Office of Legal Adviser about this matter and provided her with a copy of our response to the Embassy and a legal analysis of our position. Attachment 2. This Office had further discussions by telephone with the Office of the Legal Adviser on February 13, 1997. Although it was agreed that it was not necessary for the State Department to be involved during the investigation, it was proposed that the Office of the Legal Adviser and the India Desk Officer would attempt to meet with representatives of the Embassy during the week of February 24th to encourage the Embassy to cooperate voluntarily with the Commission's investigation. On February 13, 1997, this Office

sent a letter confirming our understanding with the State Department. Attachment 3. This Office will report to the Commission on any further developments.

2/20/97
Date


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General Counsel

Attachments

1. Letter from State Department, dated January 10, 1997
2. OGC Letter with Attachments, dated January 27, 1997
3. OGC Letter, dated February 13, 1997

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